

Mission Board will have a still better report at the end of this year. If we are really in earnest, there is a wonderful power in prayer.

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[The story referred to, "How our Mission Band learned to pray," was published in the October *Link*. We hope to hear of other Bands who have tried the plan. Ed.]

The Child's Prayer.

Sweet Gracie, the light of the household,
Hath knelt in the twilight hour,
Commending the friends that she loveth
To the Father's keeping power.
Not one of her pets is forgotten,
Her kitten, her dog and doll,
But deeper in meaning the favor
She asks while the shadows fall

"Now, the old black cat, wilt Thou bless her?
The cat with the great green eyes,
That wanders alone in our garden
I'm sad when I hear her cries."
The mother looked down on her darling,
The child of her tender care,
And told her she need not remember
All cats in her evening prayer.

The bright face grew earnest and thoughtful,
And clouded with strange surprise,
But the light of a child's true instinct
Flashed out from the sparkling eyes
And straightway she questioned if her mother—
"Well, now, will you please to say,
If I did not think of the black cat,
Who else for its good would pray?"

Ah Gracie had mastered the lesson
We tardily come to heed;
But always there wait for our footsteps
Earth's lowliest one's in need
"Who else," if we turn from their pleading,
Will unto their rescue spring?
"Who else?" to the feet of the Master
Those sheaves for the harvest bring?

There are sorrowing hearts to cherish,
"Who else" will the tear drops dry?
"Who else" will be friends to the friendless
While the fleeting years go by?
At last, when our service is ended,
How sweet will his greeting be,
"Forasmuch as for these ye labored,
Ye have done it unto me."

Selected.

Faith in Action.

A poor little street-girl was taken sick one Christmas, and carried to a hospital. While there, she heard the story of Jesus coming into the world to save us. It was all new to her, but very precious. She could appreciate such a wonderful Saviour, and the knowledge made her very happy as she lay upon her little cot.

One day the nurse came around at the usual hour, and "Little Broomstick" (that was her street name) held her by the hand, and whispered: "I'm having real good times—ever such good times! S'pose I shall have to go 'way from here just as soon as I gets well; but I'll

take the good time along—some of it anyhow. Did you know 'bout Jesus bein' born?"

"Yes," replied the nurse, "I know—Sh-sh-sh! Don't talk any more."

"You did?" I thought you looked as if you didn't, and I was goin' to tell you."

"Why, how did I look?" asked the nurse, forgetting her own orders in her curiosity.

"Oh, just like most o' folks—kind o' glum. I shouldn't think you'd ever look glum if you know'd 'bout Jesus bein' born."

Dear reader, do you know "bout Jesus bein' born"?
—Faithful Witness.

Looking Back

Ah! five-and-twenty years ago, had
I but planted seeds of trees,
How now I should enjoy their shade,
And see their fruit swing in the breeze!

From ALGER'S "Oriental Poetry."

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